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- 1. A method of providing, in a mark-up language format, data representative of a control code for installation on a control device.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is provided via a data network.
- 3. The method of claim 1, comprising:
- enabling a user to specify to a server on the network an apparatus for being controlled by the control device; and
- enabling the server to identify a corresponding control code for being provided as the data in the mark-up language format.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the control code is part of an EPG.
- 5. The method of claim 1, comprising supplying a GUI element for use on the control device, the GUI element being supplied as further data in the mark-up language format.
- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the GUI element comprises a graphical representation of a remote control device.
- 7. A remote control device suitable for receiving data in a mark-up language format for being installed on the device as a control code for control of CE equipment.
- 8. The device of claim 7, having a display monitor and being suitable for receipt of a GUI element in a mark-up language format.
- 9. A data base for control codes for controlling apparatus through a control device, the data base comprising the control codes formatted in a mark-up language.

10. A control code for control of CE equipment and for being supplied in an XML format.

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